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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Enrollment in pre-primary education in the United States has increased significantly since 1991; according to the National Center for Education Statistics, from 1991-2001 pre-primary enrollment of children between the ages of three and five increased by twenty percent; and

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WHEREAS, During the kindergarten years, children often make considerable gains in reading and math; in addition, they begin to develop advanced social skills from the constant interaction that they have with one another; and

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WHEREAS, Those different skills and abilities that kindergartners acquire lay the foundation for success at future grade levels; history has shown that in many cases, these children go on to become more competent learners, and are less likely to be held back in school; and

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WHEREAS, The Illinois General Assembly is committed to improving education in Illinois at all levels; the State of Illinois is aiming to not only enhance the educational experiences of current students, but also to continue increasing enrollment in pre-school and kindergarten programs in the State; therefore, be it

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1           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL  
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
3 CONCURRING HEREIN, that we proclaim the second Tuesday of  
4 September in each year to be Kindergarten Day in the State of  
5 Illinois, and we encourage all parents to enroll their children  
6 in kindergarten to enhance their abilities and provide their  
7 children with better chances to succeed later in life.